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SUBJECT: FREETOWN MONITORING PLAN FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RUN-OFF

¶1. (SBU) Sierra Leone will hold a run-off Presidential election on Saturday, September 8, 2007 between APC candidate Ernest Koroma and SLPP candidate Solomon Berewa. Post has devised a plan to monitor 8 of the 14 electoral districts on election day. Five monitoring teams comprised of one to three Direct Hire Americans accompanied by Locally Engaged Staff (LES) will travel upcountry to observe polling centers. Five teams will observe polling centers locally in Freetown. The teams will record and communicate their observations to Embassy personnel staffing the Operations Center in the Embassy.

¶2. (SBU) Monitoring teams will visit voting centers in the following areas:

Northern Province:

--Bombali District: Makeni

--Port Loko District: Port Loko, Masiaka, Lunsar

Southern Province:

--Bo District: Bo

Eastern Province:

--Kailahun District: Kailahun

--Kenema District: Kenema

--Kono District: Koidu

Western Province:

--Western District - Urban: Freetown

--Western District - Rural: Waterloo, Hastings

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